

104TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1689

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 19, 1996

Mr. GRAMM (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Crude Oil Transpor-  
5 tation Fairness Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. REGULATORY FAIRNESS FOR CRUDE OIL PRODUC-**  
7 **ERS.**

8 Section 5108(a) of title 49, United States Code, is  
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(5)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
 2 a person who offers crude oil or condensates for transport  
 3 in commerce shall not be required to file a registration  
 4 statement or pay a fee otherwise required under this sec-  
 5 tion if that person transfers title to the crude oil or con-  
 6 densates to a transporter at the time that the crude oil  
 7 or condensates are initially transported in commerce from  
 8 a storage location by the transporter.

9       “(B) Subparagraph (A) does not apply to any person  
 10 who transports crude oil in commerce in a quantity that  
 11 is subject to the requirements of this section.”.

12 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF FEE INCREASES WITHOUT THE**  
 13 **APPROVAL OF CONGRESS.**

14       Section 5108(g)(2)(A) of title 49, United States  
 15 Code, is amended in the second sentence, by striking “at  
 16 least \$250 but not more than \$5,000” and inserting “not  
 17 more than \$250”.

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